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Bank robber is sentenced to 12 and ½ years in prison

A federal judge today sentenced **Sean Philbrook**, 34, of West Roxbury, Massachusetts, to a prison term of 151 months – 12 years and seven months – for a robbery at a Citizens Bank supermarket branch in Pawtucket in March 2005.

United States Attorney Robert Clark Corrente announced the sentence, which Chief U.S. District Court Judge Ernest C. Torres imposed in U.S. District Court, Providence. Last November, Judge Torres sentenced two codefendants in the bank robbery: **Jarrete Falcione**, 32, also to 151 months, and **Antoinette DeLuca** to 16 months.

All three defendants pleaded guilty to their roles in the robbery. At the plea hearings, Assistant U.S. Attorney James H. Leavey said that the government could prove that, on March 26, 2005, Falcione entered the Stop & Shop supermarket on Cottage Street with Philbrook, who approached the Citizens Bank counter and handed a teller a threatening note demanding money. The pair fled the bank with \$3,541 and got into a car that DeLuca was driving. Police traced the three to a hotel in Dedham the following day and arrested them.

Both Philbrook and Falcione were sentenced as career offenders a provision of federal sentencing guidelines that applies to a defendant who is convicted of a violent

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felony or drug offense after at least two prior convictions for violent felonies or drug offenses. Both men have prior drug-trafficking convictions in Massachusetts.

Pawtucket Police and the **Federal Bureau of Investigation** investigated the robbery, with assistance from **Dedham Police**. Assistant U.S. Attorney Leavey prosecuted the case as part of **Project Bank Safe**, which targeted “note job” bank robberies for federal prosecution.

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